

**Lamoine Conservation Commission**  
**Town of Lamoine**  
**606 Douglas Highway**  
**Lamoine, ME 04605**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of May 13, 2009**

The meeting started at 7:15 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Fred Stocking (chair), Carol Korty, Bob Pulver, David Schick (secretary), Nancy Pochan (acting alternate)

Others present: Annie Crisafulli (alternate), Willem Brutsaert, Georgia Munsell, Joan Strout, Amy Morley

Agenda Items:

- 1) Review of Agenda and Minutes of March Meeting: The March minutes were read and accepted as amended.
- 2) Lamoine Conservation Award – Presentation to Georgia Munsell: Fred Stocking presented the award to Georgia. All of the meeting attendees agreed that the development of the roadside clean-up program was a perfect example of the action of an individual stimulating a widespread and beneficial response for our community. Georgia noted that the spring cleanup effort was beginning and that there was still a need for a few more volunteers.
- 3) Follow-up of the Drinking Water Policy Discussion (Nancy Pochan): The forum in February was successful and stimulated a great deal of interest. Nancy attended a Planning Board meeting in order to develop a sense of what the Board is thinking in regards to the issues relating to potential water extraction operations within the town. The Board is considering developing policy for dealing with water extraction within the Town. A number of points arose during discussion:
  - A second forum on water issues and the development of local controls would be beneficial.
  - Several attendees suggested that a citizen initiative might be needed to stimulate a more rapid and comprehensive approach to protecting our water resources.
  - The Planning Board is seeking to develop a seamless umbrella of ordinances in regards to water issues, but is still at the point of gathering facts and ideas to work with.
  - The Planning Board is interested to know how other towns have developed their water control ordinances. They may meet with members of the Hancock Board.
  - We need a more nuanced understanding of the nature of Lamoine's aquifers.
  - Several attendees felt that the town should place a moratorium on commercial water extraction until an effective set of ordinances for the protection of town water resources are in place.
  - There should be ongoing educational efforts regarding water resource issues available to the town citizens. Perhaps this could be done through the town's communication networks.

Several follow-up actions were planned. Annie Crisafulli will research actions taken by other Maine townships. Fred Stocking will review the Nestle Waters court case. Nancy Pochan will get information regarding Hancock's moratorium to the Planning Board and will go to the next Planning Board Meeting. Willem Brutsaert will plan to address the next Planning Board work session if the

time can be scheduled. Fred Stocking will provide a memo to LCC members regarding the formal process for submitting a moratorium proposal

- 4) Fresh Water Initiative Update (Carol Korty and Bob Pulver): The Maine Community Foundation has requested an evaluation of the program. Bob has responded to the request. There has been some trouble in getting all the data results from the classroom testing. Bob Pulver will troubleshoot the issue.
- 5) Planning Board and Selectfolk concerns: The Conservation Commission is requested to provide more information regarding water protection issues to the Planning Board. Action is being taken as discussed in agenda item #3.
- 6) Listening to the concerns of those attending:
  - \* Fred Stocking noted that there will be an educational meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Ellsworth City Hall regarding invasive insects. The presenters requested that the Commission be one of the listed sponsors. The Commission agreed to be so listed.
  - Amy Morley introduced herself to the Commission and attendees and stated that she would like to be involved as a volunteer. She has particular concerns regarding the regulation of cell communication towers. The Commission welcomes her interest.
  - Nancy Pochan discussed the dog waste issue at Marlboro beach with Kerry Galeaz (? spelling) of the Parks Commission. Parks will investigate approaches for signage at the beach.
  - The Hancock County Planning Commission is sponsoring an educational event and workshop regarding transportation issues on May 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Maine DEP is running a program to educate the public that prescription medications should not be flushed down toilets thus into the local groundwater. Free prescription disposal mailers are now available at Rite Aid.
  - Nancy Pochan and Annie Crisafulli suggested that another picnic / night sky event would be a good thing to do in late summer. There is a big program planned for Bar Harbor in August. We will discuss planning an event at the next meeting.

7) Open Space Inventory – Next Steps:

Report on Scenic Assessment Workshop (Bob Pulver): Bob stated that the state has slated Hancock and Washington counties for evaluation of scenic view locations this year. Preliminary screening will be done with the use of a computer program, and then volunteers will be sent into the field to evaluate the suggested sites. They must be on public property. Properties with views listed on the state checklist will have an added value for possible protection from development. Bob will also evaluate view sites in Lamoine as part of his activities in this regard. The workshop also provided valuable GPS training to the volunteers.

Conservation Easement Registry and Town responsibilities: Fred Stocking noted that it was time to ramp up the open space inventory process again, and that in addition, we are required to have registry of conservation easements within the town. This will require the Commission to verify if the town holds any easements.

Carol Korty noted that Bev Coleman, who received the first LCC conservation award, passed away. The Commission will make an appropriate donation in her memory.

- 8) Maine Association of Conservation Commissions Memberships: The Commission wishes to maintain its membership in the Association. We will request funds for the dues from the Selectmen. Fred Stocking will draft a letter to request funding for the membership from town funding sources.
- 9) Planning for Spring – Summer events: The proposed night sky event will probably suffice for the summer. The proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> forum on water issues will require considerably more planning effort, and should take place after the next Planning Board workshop. A LCC work session on water issues will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Any significant items of information may be forwarded to Annie Crisafulli prior to the meeting.

Additional Item / Working Waterfront Covenants: The Land for Maine's Future Board (LMFB) bond issue provides some funds for

working waterfront protection. Terry Towne has suggested that these funds might be used for water access projects and has a project in mind. Plots of land with water access could be purchased outright, or put into an access covenant. LMFB would provide up to 50% of the costs involved. We noted that funds currently held in trust by the Frenchman Bay Conservancy might be available for funding an assessment of fair market value for any potential access plot. Fred Stocking posed the question as to whether or not the Commission should be involved in this process. We felt that public water access is a real issue within the town. The Commission will ask Terry to come to the next meeting in order to provide us with more information.

- 10) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Schick  
Secretary  
Lamoine Conservation Commission

Reviewed and accepted with minor revisions by the Lamoine Conservation Commission on June 10, 2009 by a vote of 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

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Fred Stocking, Chair